

Willard, Ohio
April 18, 2022

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2022, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Bart McKelvey

Roll Call: Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig were present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held April 4, 2022, were presented for approval. In that copies of the minutes were furnished to each Councilperson prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. There were corrections to the minutes, add "voted yea" to appropriate places in minutes under special order of business 1 and 2 votes and tabled item, after called votes. Moved by Sattig seconded by Olson that they be approved as corrected. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION:

Michele Scott, 414 Park St. came before City Council to voice her concern of the trash issue in the City. She would like the Ordinance updated to include homeowners, landlords, and tenants to be held responsible for the issues she brought before City Council.

Kevin Thaxton, 572 W. Emerald St. came before City Council to voice his requests.

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

TABLED ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. *Charter/Legislative – McKenzie, Johnson*
2. *Finance – Johnson, Olson, Sattig*
3. *Public Works – Babcock, Daniel*
4. *Safety – Babcock, Daniel, Olson*
5. *Utilities – McKenzie, Daniel, Olson*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS: The Finance Report from March 2022 was presented by the Finance Director, Lori Huff.

Moved By Olson, seconded by Babcock to approve the Finance Director's Report and place on file. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager, Bryson Hamons, thanked the City Finance and Tax Departments for all their hard work, today was tax deadline day, the City was very busy, and they got everyone taken care of as fast as they could.

Hamons Updated City Council on the upcoming meetings, webinars, and bid openings for the City.

The next Second Harvest food distribution is May 16, 2022.

The City has hired Frank Brown as the new Water meter Reader. Hamons introduced Brown to City Council and welcomed.

The City will be flushing water hydrants the week of April 25th The Maintenance Department with assistance from Water, Sewer, and the Fire Department will flush the 488 hydrants in approximately 4 days. Residents are reminded to avoid washing clothes during this process.

The low, and only bid to rehabilitate the belt press at the Water Treatment Plant came from Andritz Separation. The American Rescue Plan will fund this project. This project is planned for October 2022 and will take about 2 weeks to complete.

The City is inviting the community to the Arbor Day Celebration at 10 am on April 29, 2022, at the Willard High School Dean Avenue Athletic Complex. The City will be planting a Celebration Maple Tree in celebration of Arbor Day.

Volunteer Energy, the natural gas provider for residents who participate in the communities' natural gas aggregation program, has files for bankruptcy. Resident enrolled in the community aggregation program will continue to receive uninterrupted natural gas supply as they will default back to Columbia Gas Standard Choice Offer (SCO). The City Administration is working with our Energy Consultant, Aspen Energy and entertaining offers from other community aggregation programs. A presentation will be made to City Council to select a program that will best serve the City residents.

The City in partnership with Willard Moose Lodge #2153, is offering a tree reimbursement program. Through a \$5,000 donation from the Moose Lodge, the City will reimburse property owners 50% (not to exceed \$125) of the cost of a new tree to plant in their yard. Residents must obtain approval for reimbursement before purchasing the tree by filling out a form at City Hall.

The City, in partnership with the Huron County Community Health Department, and the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition is accepting applications for the Community Garden. Last year fourteen residents participated in the free community program, which offers space to resident to grow fresh fruits and vegetables. Residents may print off an application and view the garden rules at www.willardohio.us

April 29th and April 30th will be Willard Community Cleanup days.

D.L. Smith has concerns regarding the depth of the concrete, he recommends the Fisher Titus Walking Path, at the reservoir, concrete be a thickness of 5" instead of the 4" thickness as planned and priced. That would be an additional 216 yards of concrete needed. Dauch Concrete has donated 80 yards of concrete. The difference of the additional 136 yards of concrete needed would be added at no additional labor cost and at the cost of materials to D.L. Smith. The cost of the additional concrete will be \$15,474.00. The City is still requesting donations for the project. Johnson questioned if an account could be set up for the project. Hamons explained the various options. Olson asked who was handling the donations? Hamons explained the local donations were handled by the City.

Council requests to accept the following donation:

\$500 from Mayor Joe Daniel towards Police Community Action Fund.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that this donation be accepted by Council. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Johnson asked about the location of Andritz Separation; Hamons explained the have offices in Cleveland. Johnson asked about an update on the new police vehicle. Hamons informed Council the new Police Department vehicle is a Dodge Durango. Johnson inquired into the Maintenance Department removing concrete flooring at the Fire Station, Hamons explained that in the ambulance bay needed modified.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANDRITZ SEPARATION, INC. TO AWARD BID NO. 2022-01 FOR THE BELT FILTER PRESS REHABILITATION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$362,445.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was presented by the Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that this ordinance be declared an emergency measure, and the rule requiring the Ordinance layover for 7 days or until next regular meeting of Council be waved. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Sattig to amend the Ordinance to include emergency language in the body of the Ordinance, seconded by Olson. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock the Ordinance be adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 672.12 (F) OF CHAPTER 672 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED PROHIBITION ON THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION, OR EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF WILLARD, was presented by the Council President for its first reading. This was done by the Council Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2541-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE WILLARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO PREPARE ALL DOCUMENTS FOR CREATION OF THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR FINAL REVIEW BY THE LAW DIRECTOR, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that the rules be suspended, and the Resolution adopted on its first reading. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that the Resolution be adopted. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Daniel thanked Michele Scott for coming to the City Council meeting and bringing attention to the issues, he added the possibility of reviewing the Ordinance to take care of the problems.

Olson also thanked Michele for coming to the meeting.

McKenzie welcomed and thanked Frank Brown for coming to work at the City.

Elmlinger also thanked Michele for bringing this to Council's attention.

Sattig asked Michele when the last time was that she made a report? Last Wednesday, Michele replied.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that Council adjourn. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

President of Council

Clerk of Council